

5 College L I R Council
Minutes, Meeting of 4/10/97 at the 5 College Office

Present: Barondes, L. Belsky, Egginton, J. Glickman, A. Grose, Lehman, Navon, E. Posada, G. Rollason, Rothery, Snoek, G. & L. Snook, H. Unger, and Wisneski.

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 by the President, David Navon.

Corrections to the Minutes of 3/13/97.

Under "Finance Committee" eliminate the statement that the summer program is self-financing. Under "Summer/Winter program": there were honoraria of \$100. for each of four winter programs and an honorarium of \$150. for one winter program.

Change the "c" in D. Snoek's name to an "e".

The minutes were approved with the corrections noted.

Announcements It was suggested that the Curriculum Committee be first on the agenda next time.

Memorial Fund:

Copies of a letter from Dot Swanson to P. Rothery were distributed (attached). The letter indicates the purpose for which the Memorial Fund was established; others on Council remembered that stated purpose. It was pointed out that in past Council discussions it had been suggested that financial donors always be asked to specify the intended use of any money given - whether it should go to an already established fund or used to set up funds for other purposes.

Moved to revert to the motion of 2/13/97: "that the contribution of \$50. toward the conference registration fee for those in need come from the Donors Fund; that the registration fees of Jean Stabell and Karen plus the \$25. to be given to all other registrants come from the general fund. Passed without dissent .

An estimated 30 of our members have registered and will be reimbursed.

Change of Office Location

Jean Stabell has indicated that we won't know about the office move until the end of May.

T. Belsky consulted with the Sycamore House Committee and feels that our chances there are remote. David will communicate to Jean Stabell our need to know about new quarters as soon as possible.

Moved that David consult with Jean Stabell about our being given new office space as soon as possible and that he also consult with Lorna Peterson if necessary. Passed without dissent.

Our new Interim Vice President, Paul Rothery, was inaugurated with enthusiasm.

The following Nominating Committee was proposed: Chair (who must be a member of Council) R. Grose plus A. Keppler, , E. Reid, J. Sherman, and H. Unger.

Moved to approve the Committee. Voted without dissent.

EIN Conference

Egginton arranged to have Ann Grose and Harley Unger discuss the conference on the local TV channel with John Clobridge.

U. Mass Chancellor Scott, Lorna Peterson and David Navon will make opening remarks at the Conference. 226 people have registered.

Ann has 25 volunteer helpers. Judy Muller from EIN will be here on Sunday. Participants will be identified by name tags with various colored ribbons. Six restaurants in Amherst and two in Northampton will be used for the Monday night "dine around".

At the May coffee hour, volunteers may be asked to give reports.

Hearing devices: Mary Egginton couldn't rent the equipment for this meeting; she will try for next time.

Guidelines for the Newsletter

It was pointed out that in the most recent Newsletter one member voiced his opinion of a cap on the number of members before Membership Committee had reported their decision due in May. In the discussion that ensued it was suggested that there be a letter section in the Newsletter, that committees give their reports ✓

before individual opinions are included, that the Newsletter be a forum for committees, that guidelines for Newsletter contents be developed by a committee consisting of D. Snoek, Barondes and Rothery.

Moved that a column be included in the Newsletter for the opinions of members on LIR matters. Passed, 8 in favor, 5 opposed.

Moved that there be no publicity advocating any position while a matter is under discussion by an existing committee. Passed, 6 in favor, 5 opposed.

Curriculum Committee reported that there are already 9 approved seminars for fall: The 20s, Connie Anderson; American History V, Ben Bowditch; Reading the Bookers, Lise Armstrong; Wisdom, David Moriarty; A Century of War in Literature, Bill Gibson; Portrait of America III, Norman Winston; Faust, Thelma Isaacs and Lee Beaty; The Tudors, G. Snook; and Immigrants and Immigration, A & R Grose.

There are 9 others under consideration: Civil Rights, T. Belsky; U. S. Relations, J. Hanke; Current Issues and Events, C. Gillies; Humor, J. Sherman & S. Lehman; Reading the Masters - Mark Twain, Peg Bedell and K. Pitoniak; Current Royal Families of Europe, E. Buck; Watercolor, Sufrin; and Autobiography, Ben White and Ruth Bridgens.

The terms of Florence and Suzanne are coming to an end. The committee will have to choose a new Chair.

Finance Committee

A treasurer's report was distributed (attached). The \$335. listed as dues collected in March includes \$285 that should have appeared earlier.

Karen's Conference fee was included in "Miscellaneous." It was suggested that we drop the Travel and Educational Supplies categories since there is no activity in either.

Both income and expenses are up.

Special Events

The last trip of the academic year will be to Old Lyme on May 9th. 25 have signed up; we need 30. The deadline for signing up must be April 25 for luncheon reservations. Paul has made the arrangements.

The Committee is looking for Chair-people.

Summer/Winter Events Committee

Copies of the Summer Program were distributed (attached).

Half of the members returned the questionnaires which were helpful in planning events.

The trip to Williamstown is still unscheduled. We would need 30 people to go by bus, or we could carpool.

Two back-up programs will be available if needed: a talk by Stan Rosenberg and one by a financial planner.

At this point (3:15) the secretary had to leave and was replaced by J. Wisneski.

Publicity

Egginton has given an article on the EIN Conference to the University Public Relations Office, to the 4 Colleges, and to the local newspapers, including Hartford and Springfield.

There was an article in the Hampshire Gazette on Sat., April 12.

Meetings Committee

L. Snook reported that the General Meeting will be on May 22 from 5 - 7 at the Red Barn.

Newsletter deadline is May 15.

New Business J. Glickman suggested that there be guidelines for Committee Chairs and an indication of length of tenure of Chairs. He feels that continuity is needed and that communication within the organization should be improved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S Rollason

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